

(Revised May 2012)

Bylaw 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Libertarian Party of California in Sacramento County, hereinafter referred to as the LPS. The LPS is an affiliate, Region 34, of the Libertarian Party of California (LPC).

Bylaw 2: PURPOSE (2/3 required to amend)

Section 1. The Region exists to uphold and promote the philosophy and principles of the Libertarian Party. To that end, it will proclaim and implement the Statement of Principles of the LPC by engaging in political and educational activities. The purpose of LPS is to conduct the following activities consistent with the Statement of Principles of the LPC:

A. Nominating, endorsing and promoting registered Libertarians who pledge to proclaim and implement the Statement of Principles of the LPC as candidates for public office in California.

B. Promoting and coordinating county and central committee activities in LPS.

C. Disseminating Libertarian political philosophy by entering into political and informational activities.

Section 2. LPS shall conduct its activities primarily within Sacramento County. Any activities of LPS taking place outside this county must be coordinated with and approved by the LPC organizations having jurisdiction over the regions affected.

Bylaw 3: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. An individual may become a member of LPS's central committee either by:

A. Election to the central committee of the LPS by Libertarian voters in a primary election pursuant to the relevant parts of the election code or:

B. Making application, paying such dues as prescribed by the LPC and signing the following statement: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals," provided that the individual is not a registrant of or holding office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

Section 2. A central committee member does not need to reside within the county of Sacramento. However, no person may be a full member of the LPS central committee if he/she is currently a full or voting member of another region. With this exception, voting privileges in LPS are conveyed to anyone qualifying for membership under either provision of section 1.

Section 3. An associate, non-voting membership in the central committee of LPS shall be established for those persons ineligible or unwilling to become members as outlined in Bylaw 3, sections 1 and 2. All registered Libertarian Party voters in Sacramento County are associate members of LPS.

Section 4. Membership in the central committee of LPS shall automatically terminate if a member requests in writing such termination or, except for elected central committee members, fails to remit prescribed dues within sixty (60) days of the yearly renewal date. Membership in the central committee of LPS shall automatically terminate if a member subsequently becomes a full member of another Region.

Section 5. A central committee member's membership shall be suspended if, without permission or pardon of LPS, the member:

A. Registers in any political party other than the Libertarian Party or one of its affiliates; or

B. Intentionally involves, or threatens to involve, legal authorities in any non-civil dispute against the Libertarian Party or one of its affiliates.

C. Has unpaid debts over ninety (90) days outstanding to the Party. Members suspended under this section may be reinstated when the offending condition(s) has(have) been resolved. A majority vote at a regular business meeting is required to reinstate.

Section 6. LPS's membership list is the property of the LPC. Therefore, LPS may only use this list for the newsletter, membership renewals, and activities authorized by LPS. All other requests must be handled through the LPC. The membership list shall not be provided to any government official or agency. LPS may share its membership lists with other organizations associated with the LPC at the discretion of LPS's officers by majority vote.

Bylaw 4: ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The officers of LPS shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected for a one-year term at a regular March business meeting and shall take office upon the close of that meeting. This bylaw shall take effect with the March 2002 officer election.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of LPS and any other positions appointed by the officers of LPS.

Section 3. All members of LPS, including the officers, shall have one vote each. The will of the majority, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws shall carry even if this vote overrules the will of all the elected officers.

Section 4. There shall be such working committees appointed by the Chair, as the Chair deems appropriate. Working committees shall exist at the pleasure of LPS. An Executive Committee officer may simultaneously serve as the Chair of a working committee.

Section 5. A Budget subcommittee, consisting of the newly elected Chair and Treasurer, and the Chairs of the Publication, Outreach and Fundraising subcommittees shall be formed following the March meeting and shall modify and approve the budget submitted by the outgoing Treasurer. The Chair, with the consent of 2/3rd of the voting members present, may appoint other full central committee members to the Budget subcommittee.

Section 6. The Publications subcommittee shall consist of a Newsletter Editor who shall prepare and distribute a monthly newsletter to all LPS members in good standing.

Section 7. The Outreach subcommittee shall be responsible for maintenance of outreach material and coordination of outreach events with the county, including recruitment of volunteers to staff such events. The Outreach Chair shall be responsible for contacting people within the region who have requested, through various sources, information about the Libertarian Party. The Outreach subcommittee may apportion the county into subregions, appointing outreach coordinators for each region. The Vice-Chair of LPS shall serve as the Chair of the Outreach subcommittee.

Section 8. The Fundraising subcommittee shall be responsible for all activities which will generate income for LPS.

Section 9. The Media Liaison shall be responsible for the dissemination of information about the LPS and the Libertarian Party to the local media and the public.

Section 10. The Internet Services Chair ("Webmaster") shall be responsible for maintaining an Internet site for the online dissemination of information about the LPS to its members and the public. During election campaigns, space on the website shall be provided free of charge to all Libertarian candidates endorsed by the LPS for campaign publicity, whether for partisan or non-partisan office.

Bylaw 5: VOTING ELIGIBILITY

All members meeting the qualifications set forth in Bylaw 3, Sections 1 (A or B) and 2 shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a member must be present on the floor at the time the vote is taken. Each member present shall have one vote. There will be no "proxy" votes.

Bylaw 6: MEETINGS AND VOTING PROCEDURE

Section 1. General meetings must be called for the election of LPS officers or Convention delegates, passage of the budget, Bylaws changes, removal of officers, and endorsements of candidates for public office and local or state initiatives. Notice of a general meeting must be mailed at least thirty (30) days but no more than sixty (60) days in advance of the

meeting. Such notice shall specify the reason for the meeting and a time and location reasonably accessible to the membership. Two elected officers of the Executive Committee must be present to conduct the business of the Region.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of LPS shall meet monthly at such time and place as may be determined at the previous business meeting. Executive meetings may coincide with business meetings. The presence of a majority of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for any Executive Committee meeting. A summary of the results of the monthly Executive Committee meeting, business meeting, general meeting, votes, and/or mail ballots shall be furnished by the Secretary (at cost to the member) to any LPS central committee member.

Section 3: The Executive Committee may vote electronically on matters within its authority between monthly Executive Committee meetings. These votes are governed by the same rules for passage as those governing votes in a monthly Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. On all matters, except elections of LPS Officers and endorsements for public office where there are two or more Libertarian candidates, voting will be by voice vote or a show of hands. If two or more members object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of the vote, a division or counted vote will be held. The Chair may require any motion offered to be in writing, signed by the person offering the motion, and submitted to the Secretary.

Section 5. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members attending a general meeting shall be required for:

A. Removal from office, censure or suspension of an LPS member.

B. Endorsing or rescinding the endorsement of candidates for public office and local or state initiatives.

Section 6. Members may be removed from office, censured, suspended or expelled only at general meetings. Officers of LPS may not be censured or removed from office without a thirty (30) day notice of intent sent to the membership. No member may be suspended or expelled from LPS without a thirty (30) day notice of intent sent to the membership.

Section 7. All other matters shall require a simple majority of the members attending the meeting. The Chair may vote on any issue.

Bylaw 7: ELECTIONS

Section 1. Notice of a general meeting for the purpose of electing LPS officers must be mailed at least thirty (30) days but no more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall specify it as being a general election meeting and a time and

location reasonably accessible to the membership. Notice of elections shall be provided to the LPC Secretary at least thirty (30) days in advance. An election of LPS officers must be held every year. Any full member of LPS may challenge the legality of an election by bringing the issue before the Judicial Committee of the LPC.

Section 2. LPS officers shall be nominated and elected in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections of any other positions shall follow the election of the officers.

Section 3. Nominations for LPS officers shall be made from the floor. Any person who is a member of the Central Committee and who has expressed a willingness to serve shall be eligible for election as an officer.

Section 4. All voting for LPS officers or for endorsements of candidates for public office, when more than one candidate has been nominated, shall be by secret ballot. In all voting for LPS officers or endorsements of candidates for public office, there shall be the voting option of "None of the Above."

Section 5. For each office, a majority vote shall be necessary and sufficient for election. In cases where no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, run-off votes will be held, dropping the lowest running candidate after each ballot. A majority vote for "None of the Above" shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.

Bylaw 8: OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers of the LPS shall be members of the LPC. No officer of LPS shall:

- A. Be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.
- B. Use any office of the LPS in supporting a candidate of another political party.

Section 2. The Chair shall be the authorized legal representative to conduct LPS business in accordance with the desires of LPS. The Chair shall cause the creation of subcommittees, to serve at the pleasure of LPS, finding volunteers and assigning duties to advance the work of these subcommittees. The Chair may, at any time, appoint another member to preside over any meeting, while retaining full voting privileges at that meeting. The Chair or his/her designee shall preside at all Executive, General and special meetings of LPS. The Chair shall prepare an agenda for each meeting.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair. In the event of the Chair's resignation, removal or incapacity, the Vice-Chair shall become Chair. The Vice-Chair shall serve as the Chair of the Outreach subcommittee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining LPS's membership list and shall be responsible for recording and promptly distributing minutes of the LPS meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of all LPS records. The Secretary

shall make available a current copy of the LPS Bylaws at business and general meetings. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the most recently adopted Bylaws to all officers of LPS within thirty-one (31) days of adoption, and to any member of LPS (at cost) upon written request.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of LPS under the supervision and direction of the Chair and subject to review at business meetings by the membership. The Treasurer shall prepare a report for each business meeting and compile a quarterly report, which shall consist of a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement. The balance sheet and profit and loss statement shall be made available to members of LPS from the Treasurer (at cost to the member) upon written request. At the March business meeting, the outgoing Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal term, for review and approval of the Budget subcommittee.

Section 6. An officer may be suspended from office at any business meeting provided a thirty (30) day notice of such intent has been mailed to the members of LPS. The office of the suspendee shall be declared vacant unless the suspendee appeals such suspension to the Judicial Committee of the LPC in writing within ten (10) days of notification of such suspension. Upon written appeal by the suspendee, the Judicial Committee of the LPC shall rule to either uphold the suspension, thereby vacating the office, or restore the suspendee to full authority.

Section 7. New officers may be appointed by the Chair at any business meeting, if vacancies occur. Announcement of such appointments will be sent to the membership for confirmation at the next monthly business meeting.

Bylaw 9: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1. The fiscal term of LPS shall begin on April 1 of each year.

Section 2. The Treasurer may authorize expenditures for any item incorporated in the proposed budget, if there are sufficient funds available, until the budget is ratified at the April business meeting of LPS.

Section 3. LPS shall not enter into any contract, incur any expense in a non-budgeted category or incur any expense in a budgeted category greater than \$100 more of the amount budgeted, without a majority vote of the officers of LPS. Anyone who incurs such financial liability without such approval shall be personally liable.

Section 4. All disbursements shall be made solely by check. No disbursements shall be made without supporting documentation.

Section 5. Contributions other than dues moneys shall be used for their designated purposes or, if not designated, used at the discretion of the Treasurer for the satisfaction of the general obligations of LPS. Dues shall not be used for financing individual campaigns.

Bylaw 10: CAMPAIGN FINANCING

LPS may establish a campaign fund from the so designated monies and other donations received by the Treasurer. These funds may be allocated to Libertarian Party candidates for public office. Such allocations among the various candidates will be determined at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The campaign fund may also be used to support Libertarian Party campaign publicity not specifically promoting an individual's candidacy.

Bylaw 11: CONVENTIONS

Section 1. For each LPC convention, LPS shall elect delegates to represent LPS at the convention. Any full member of LPS can serve as a delegate.

Section 2. For each LPC convention, LPS shall elect a Platform Committee representative.

Bylaw 12: PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION POLICY

Section 1. The newsletter editor shall produce a monthly newsletter for LPS and is recognized to have sole and final authority in determining the format and content of the newsletter. The editor shall make every reasonable attempt in the newsletter to present the full range of opinions expressed among the members of LPS and to provide relevant news concerning the Libertarian Party and its candidates and officers, whether that news shall be positive or negative. The Treasurer shall, in a timely manner, disburse to the newsletter editor funds sufficient to pay for the production and mailing of a monthly newsletter without any requirement that such disbursement be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Publications in the name of LPS must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to circulation to individuals outside the membership.

Section 3. Published articles and letters by the members of LPS that conflict with the Platform and/or Statement of Principles of the LPC must contain a disclaimer if the author should disclose in any way his/her association with the Libertarian Party.

Bylaw 13: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws of LPS shall be reviewed on a yearly basis by a Bylaws subcommittee and proposed changes shall be put before the membership for a vote at the May meeting. Notice will be given in writing to the membership not less than thirty (30) or more than sixty (60) days before the May meeting. Except as indicated in a particular bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote.

Bylaw 14: CONFLICTING AUTHORITY

Section 1. LPS Bylaws shall not be in conflict with the current Bylaws of the LPC. If a conflict exists or in matters not covered by these Bylaws, the Bylaws of the LPC shall take precedent.

Section 2. In the event of any conflict between these Bylaws and the California Election Code, the Federal Election Code or any other law or regulation, these Bylaws shall govern the LPS and its affairs.

Section 3. In the event that any authority should declare any portion of these Bylaws void or invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Bylaw 15: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

On all standing matters not covered by these Bylaws or by formally accepted Bylaws and standing documents, Robert's Rules of Order will govern. The particular version of Robert's Rules of Order will be the 21st Century Robert's Rules of Order, by Henry Martyn Robert, Mass Market Paperback (November 1995), by Dell Publishing Company.